

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 23, 2003) **DOD PRESENTS FUBINI AWARD**

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul D. Wolfowitz presented today the Eugene G. Fubini Award for 2003 to retired Air Force Gen. Larry D. Welch, former Air Force Chief of Staff and current president of the Institute for Defense Analyses. The Fubini Award was established in 1996 by then-Secretary of Defense William Perry to recognize annually an individual from the private sector who has made highly significant contributions to the Department of Defense in an advisory capacity over a sustained period of time. The award is named after the late Eugene G. Fubini, a long-time advisor to DoD and the first recipient of the award.

For more than 45 years, Welch has provided advice regarding a remarkably broad range of activities—including modernization plans, organizational reforms, force enhancements, strategic road maps, operational plans, future of U.S. nuclear weapons, ballistic missile defense, weapons of mass destruction threats, and other critical national security issues. His counsel reflects a unique combination of vision, leadership, operational experience, and technical expertise.

Welch began his public service in 1953 when he joined the Air Force as an aviation cadet. His military career culminated in 1986, when he was appointed the Chief of Staff of the Air Force by the President, a position he held until 1990. In 1991, after retiring from the Air Force, he assumed his current position as president of the Institute for Defense Analyses.

He has served on numerous federal advisory committees, including the Defense Science Board (1993-present); the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee (Chairman); the Defense Intelligence Agency Advisory Board; the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group; the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee; the U.S. Space Command Independent Strategic Advisory Group; the Joint Advisory Committee on Nuclear Weapons Surety. He also served on the National Missile Defense Independent Review Team; the Ballistic Missile Defense White Team; the Comanche Independent Review Panel; and the Independent Assessment Panels on Strategic Command, Intelligence, and Special Operations.

Praised for his unbiased opinions, Welch has employed a common sense approach to tackling complex security issues. He is a trusted advisor to the Department of

Defense, offering solutions to critical national security issues. Information on the award can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/eugenfubiniaward.htm>.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRESS ADVISORY (OCT. 31, 2003) **2003 PHOENIX AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED**

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld has announced that the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Ga., is the 2003 winner of the Phoenix Trophy. The Phoenix Trophy is symbolic of the “best” of the Department of Defense field-level maintenance units.

The award was made Wednesday night, Oct. 29, during an awards banquet held in conjunction with the 2003 DoD Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition in King of Prussia, Pa. Diane K. Morales, deputy under secretary of defense for logistics and materiel readiness, and Navy Vice Adm. Gordon Holder, director for logistics, joint staff, presented the award on behalf of Rumsfeld.

The 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), nicknamed the “Cottonbalers,” was extremely busy during fiscal 2002, completing several demanding exercises and a “real world” deployment for Kosovo Force Operation (KFOR). Deployed as a mechanized infantry battalion supporting the NATO KFOR for six months, this unit performed superbly. It deployed with 54 pieces of assigned equipment and drew 512 pieces of rolling stock in Kosovo as part of the mission support requirement. Operating under extremely difficult circumstances, this unit’s dedicated efforts resulted in an exceptionally high readiness rate of 97 percent for the fiscal year.

Five other units also received secretary of defense awards in recognition of outstanding achievements in military equipment and weapon system maintenance. In the small category, Strike Fighter Squadron Eight One, Naval Air Station, Oceana, Va., and the 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, N.C., were winners. In the medium category, Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Fla., and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, took home awards. The large category winner was Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 14, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.